

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for September 2006

Region 8

November 2006

SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary)

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AREA	9/06(p)	8/06	9/05
U.S.	4.4%	4.6%	4.8%
INDIANA	4.7%	5.2%	5.0%
EGR 8*	4.5%	5.1%	5.0%
Bloomington MSA**	4.0%	4.7%	4.7%
Brown	4.0%	4.1%	4.5%
Daviess	3.5%	3.7%	3.9%
Greene	4.9%	5.7%	5.8%
Lawrence	6.4%	7.1%	6.9%
Martin	4.6%	5.1%	5.3%
Monroe	3.7%	4.4%	4.3%
Orange	6.3%	7.4%	6.2%
Owen	4.3%	5.3%	5.5%
Bedford	9.0%	11.4%	10.7%
Bloomington	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%
Linton	6.9%	8.6%	8.4%
Loogootee	6.0%	6.5%	7.7%
Nashville	8.5%	9.7%	10.1%
Paoli	8.7%	9.0%	7.9%
Spencer	11.3%	15.1%	13.8%
Washington	4.5%	5.3%	5.2%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in September. Thirty-one states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states and the District of Columbia registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states and the District of Columbia, up in 7 states, and unchanged in 2 states.

The state registering the lowest unemployment rate in September was Hawaii at 2.5 percent. Mississippi had the highest jobless rate at 7.2 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in September than a year earlier in 294 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 61 areas, and unchanged in 12 areas. Thirty-eight metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent while two areas recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent.

In September, Fargo, N.D.-Minn. had the lowest unemployment rate at 1.5 percent. The metropolitan area registering the highest jobless rate was El Centro, Calif. at 17.6 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – SEPT 2006	COUNTY	SEPT 2006 RATE (p)
1	Fayette	7.9%
3	Lawrence	6.4%
4	Orange	6.3%
38	Greene	4.9%
53	Martin	4.6%
66	Owen	4.3%
74	Brown	4.0%
85	Monroe	3.7%
88	Daviess	3.5%
92	Hamilton	2.9%

SURROUNDING STATES SEPTEMBER 2006

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 4.1% Indiana – 4.7% Kentucky – 4.8% Michigan – 6.7% Ohio – 5.0%

BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)



WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	SEPT 2006	AUG 2006	SEPT 2005	CHANGE FROM		CHANGE FROM	
				AUG 2006 TO SEPT 2006	+3.1%	SEPT 2005 TO SEPT 2006	+0.4%
Total Nonfarm	84,000	81,500	83,700	+2,500	+3.1%	+300	+0.4%
Goods Producing	13,600	13,700	13,800	-100	-0.7%	-200	-1.4%
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	4,400	4,400	4,600	+0	+0.0%	-200	-4.3%
Manufacturing	9,200	9,300	9,200	-100	-1.1%	+0	+0.0%
Durable Goods	6,800	6,800	6,700	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.5%
Service Providing	70,400	67,800	69,900	+2,600	+3.8%	+500	+0.7%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	12,600	12,600	12,500	+0	+0.0%	+100	+0.8%
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.0%
Retail Trade	9,000	9,000	9,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	1,200	1,300	1,200	-100	-7.7%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,900	3,000	3,000	-100	-3.3%	-100	-3.3%
Professional & Business	6,600	6,600	6,400	+0	+0.0%	+200	+3.1%
Educational & Health	9,800	9,700	9,700	+100	+1.0%	+100	+1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	8,000	7,600	8,100	+400	+5.3%	-100	-1.2%
Other Services	3,000	2,900	2,800	+100	+3.4%	+200	+7.1%
Government	26,300	24,100	26,200	+2,200	+9.1%	+100	+0.4%
Federal Government	600	600	600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	19,200	17,200	18,900	+2,000	+11.6%	+300	+1.6%
Local Government	6,500	6,300	6,700	+200	+3.2%	-200	-3.0%
Local Government Education	3,500	3,000	3,600	+500	+16.7%	-100	-2.8%

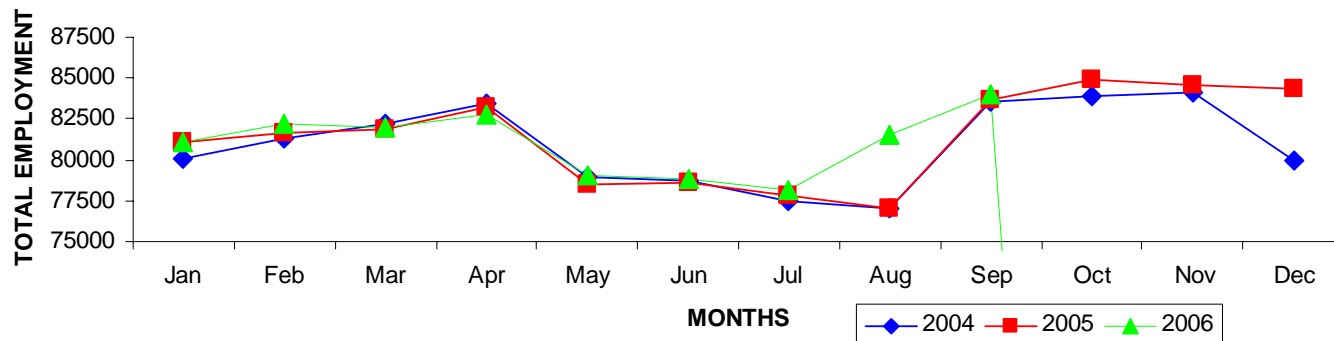
BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2006 & YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	RUNNING AVERAGE
TOTAL NONFARM	81,100	82,200	82,000	82,800	79,000	78,800	78,200	81,500	84,000	81,100
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,400	4,400	4,200
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,300	9,400	9,400	9,300	9,200	9,300
Trade, Transportation, Mining, & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,500	12,600	12,700	12,600	12,600	12,600	12,500
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,900
Professional & Business Services	6,400	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,500
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,800	9,700
Leisure & Hospitality	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	8,000	7,800
Other Services	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	3,000	2,900
Government	25,300	25,900	25,600	25,600	21,400	21,200	20,600	24,100	26,300	24,000

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2005 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2007.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLOOMINGTON MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS



Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

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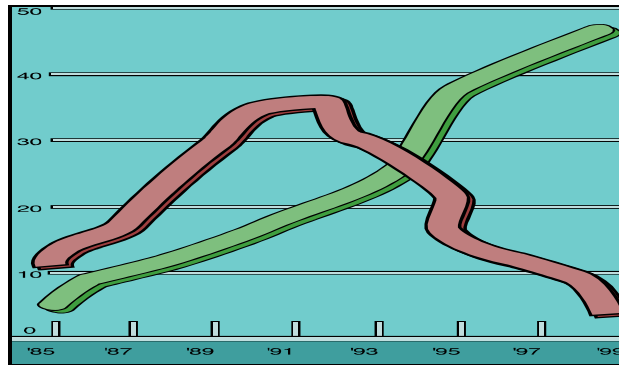
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U.S. City Average

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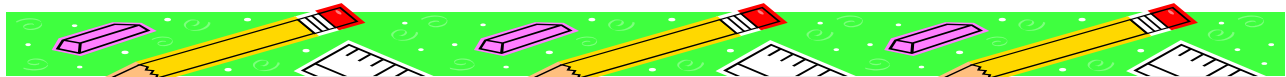
	September 05	August 06
All Items	2.1%	-.5%
Food & Beverages	2.6%	.4%
Housing	4.1%	.0%
Apparel	1.0%	4.8%
Transportation	-3.2%	-4.2%
Medical Care	4.2%	.2%
Recreation	1.3%	-.2%
Education & Communication	2.7%	.8%
Other Goods & Services	2.6%	.5%





MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED

	Sept 2006	Aug 2006	Sept 2005	Previous Month % Change	Previous Year % Change
Bedford	3,348	3,620	3,693	-7.5%	-9.3%
Bloomington	3,446	4,498	4,649	-23.4%	-25.9%
Linton	1,360	1,526	1,775	-10.9%	-23.4%
INDIANA	202,780	234,908	200,487	-13.7%	1.1%



Region 8 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during September 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

SELECTED SEPTEMBER 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Food Service Managers	\$5.25	\$11.43	\$21.97
First Line Supervisors, Customer Service	5.55	8.44	12.15
Production Laborers	8.00	9.35	15.13
Receptionists/Information Clerks	5.25	8.78	16.20
General Office Clerks	5.25	8.07	16.20
Production Helpers	8.00	8.68	10.00
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	5.15	6.77	9.00
Assemblers	8.40	8.59	9.00
Counter & Rental Clerks	5.15	5.94	8.00
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	5.15	9.58	17.00
Janitors & Cleaners	5.15	8.00	14.00
Salespersons: Retail	5.15	6.06	9.45
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	5.15	5.61	8.00
Accounting Clerks	8.00	11.49	15.00
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	\$8.00	\$10.63	\$15.13

Region 8 APPLICANT POOL

September 24, 2006



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

Region 8 Job Titles

Assemblers	3,016
Production Laborers	1,868
General Office Clerks	1,155
Cashiers, General	1,141
All Other Hand Workers	1,040
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	1,024
All Other Machine Operators	980
Production Helpers	978
Hand Packers & Packagers	964
Receptionists/Information Clerks	933
File Clerks	866
Administrative Assistants	733
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	730
Secretaries – Other	685
All Other Precision Assemblers	678
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	658
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	655
Salespersons: Retail	612
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	605
Machine Assemblers	583

Number of Applicants



The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. *EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties.

AREA (9/24/06)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR 8	\$20,130	\$16,640	8,705
Brown	\$26,177	\$20,800	249
Daviess	\$21,377	\$16,640	552
Greene	\$17,625	\$16,640	1,686
Lawrence	\$21,339	\$17,472	1,879
Martin	\$20,856	\$18,720	217
Monroe	\$20,018	\$16,640	2,772
Orange	\$20,546	\$17,680	654
Owen	\$19,696	\$17,472	696



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 8 FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1 ST QUARTER 2006	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE MARCH 2006
1 - 9	4,093	14,946
10 - 19	847	11,449
20 - 49	590	17,726
50 - 99	209	14,202
100 - 249	118	18,043
250 - 499	25	8,647
500 Plus	18	28,695
TOTAL	5,900	113,708

Federal Government Employees are included.

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (OCEW)



INDIANA LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEBSITE

HOOSIERS BY THE NUMBERS
www.hoosierdata.in.gov

Research & Analysis has a new website - Hoosiers by the Numbers. This website replaces INEWS and will be a valuable tool for our customers. The new website is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce.

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OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES REPORT

Indiana Economic Growth Region 8 Occupations & Starting Wages (OSW) Report for October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 is now available. This report provides minimum, average, and maximum starting wage data for job openings listed with local area WorkOne offices. If you would like a copy of this publication or to receive this report by email, please call (812) 424-4473 extension 237. Or you may download the report from our web site at <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. On the web site, select Site Map on the left. In the middle under Area Profiles, select Regional Publications. On the map, you will then select desired region and arrow down to Occupations and Starting Wages Report.

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